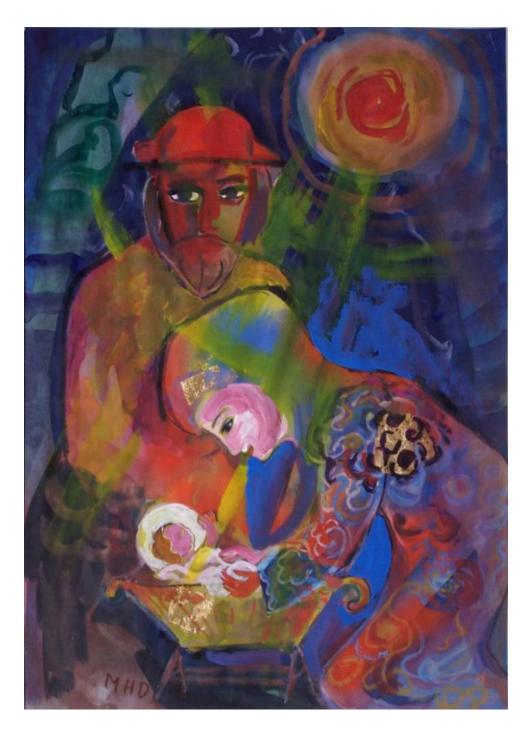
CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2024 6:00 PM





WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!

WE MANIFEST JOY through vibrant worship, beautiful music, and the active participation and nurturing of our children and youth.

WE EMBRACE RESILIENCE by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope.

WE SEEK JUSTICE by advocating for political change, continuing our work as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, and striving to understand our role in social, economic, and racial inequality.

WE LIVE IN LOVE through our Baptismal Promises to welcome and respect the dignity of every human being, care for God's creation, and engage in the ministry of Jesus to bring light, healing, and grace to our world.

We are grounded in the Episcopal Church tradition, expressed from the creative perspective of our community. We are learning how to live into the bilingual and multicultural diversity of our congregation, and seeking silence and stillness to glean insight from the Holy Spirit among us. Episcopal worship gathers the hearts and prayers of everyone present and involves call and response between the leader and the assembly. You'll find the responses of the community here, in bold type, marked "People."

Children are welcome here, voices and wiggles and all! While the very young (infants to five years) are invited to play in our childcare room on the lower level, children may prefer to remain in worship with their families. Coloring and reading books for children are located at the back of the church.

We'd love to know more about you! Please fill out a welcome card from the pew, place it in the offering plate when it comes by, and we'll be in touch to get to know you. You may also email us using the addresses listed on the back cover.

Thank you for coming together!

St. Michael & All Angels, located in Multnomah County, rests on the traditional homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Molalla, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya, and many other indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We acknowledge the ancestors of this place and understand that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. By recognizing these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

St Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church acknowledges the gifts of sacred music written by African Americans, indigenous peoples and all people of color. This music enriches our liturgies, and we are grateful for these musicians. Music of oppressed cultures has been appropriated by the dominant culture without an appreciation of the pain and suffering experienced by its creators. We repent and commit to the work of racial justice and ending racism.

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

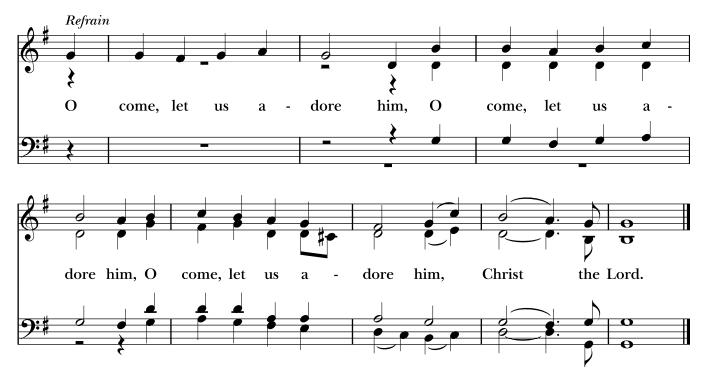
Prelude on "The holly and the ivy"

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Please stand as able



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6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906.

THE GREETING

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray together.

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendor of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:6-12

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The prophet proclaims God's promise of salvation and restoration for God's people.

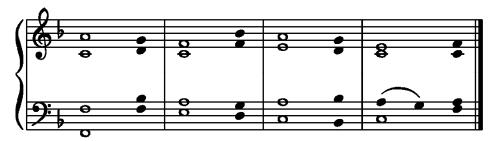
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

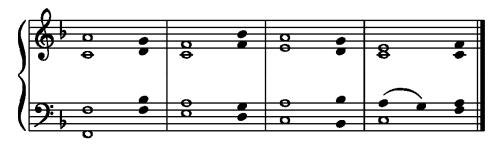
PSALM 97

Simplified Anglican chant setting by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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- The LORD is Sovereign; let the earth re-/-joice; * let the multitude of the isles be / glad.
- Clouds and darkness are round about the / Lord, * righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's / throne.
- 3 A fire goes before the / Lord * and burns up God's enemies on every / side.
- 4 God's lightnings light up the / world; * the earth sees it and is a-/-fraid.



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- The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the / LORD, * at the presence of the Lord of the whole / earth.
- The heavens declare God's / righteousness, * and all the peoples see God's / glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false / gods! *
 Bow down before the Lord, all you / gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah re-/-joice, * because of your judgments, O / Lord.
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the / earth; * you are exalted far above all / gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate / evil; *
 the Lord preserves the lives of God's saints
 and delivers them from the hand of the / wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the / righteous, * and joyful gladness for those who are true-/-hearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you / **righteous**, * and give thanks to God's holy / **Name**.

Please remain seated

THE SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7

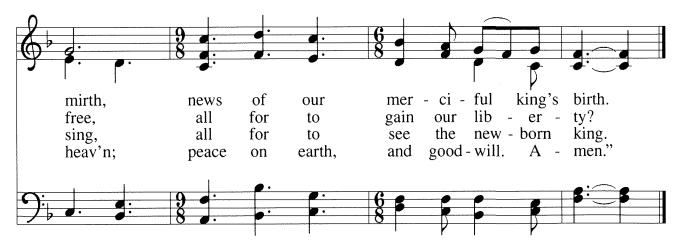
Lector A reading from letter of Titus.

A celebration of the kindness and love of God, who saved humanity not through our righteous deeds but through mercy shown in Jesus Christ, so that we might become heirs of eternal life through grace.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.





Words: Luke Wadding (b. 1686), alt.

Music: Sussex Carol, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1871-1958)

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THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

The Deacon or Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The birth story of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

THE SERMON

Please observe a moment of quiet reflection

Please remain standing as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or Priest says

As Christmas fills the earth with the good news of the Word made flesh, let our prayer embrace the needs of all God's children.

The Leader and People pray responsively

We pray for the church's worldwide ministry of compassion, that by works of charity and advocacy we may love and serve all in trouble, in need or facing any adversity. God, in your love,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for international efforts to enact justice and make peace, that all nations may gladly welcome and embrace messengers of good news. God, in your love,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are houseless, those in addiction, for those with mental illness, for those lonely and bereaved, for all who find the winter season difficult or the holidays a burden, that we may be for them the instruments of Christ's light and life. God, in your love,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for families unable to reunite for the holidays, for homes gladdened by children, and for hearts made joyful in friendship, that all may bless God who comforts and sustains us. God, in your love,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all of us, friends and strangers, one community gathered together in prayer and in Spirit, that we may remember one another in the light of Christ. God, in your love,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the departed, that they may see Christ now in the fullness of his glory. God, in your love.

Hear our prayer.

Let us remember those on our prayer list and, in our hearts or with our voices, lift other needs and concerns to God.

The Presider says

We pray through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Presider says

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet each other with a sign of peace

A WORD OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Presider says the Offertory Bidding

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Child is Born

Thad Jones/Mel Lewis

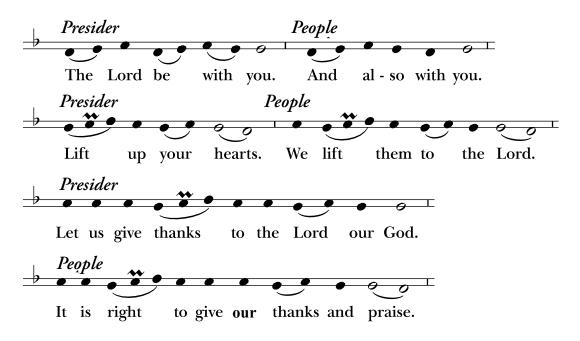
Now, out of the night New as the dawn Into the light This Child Innocent Child Soft as a fawn This Child is born

One small heart One pair of eyes One work of art Here in my arms Here he lies Trusting and warm Blessed this morn A Child is born

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 2

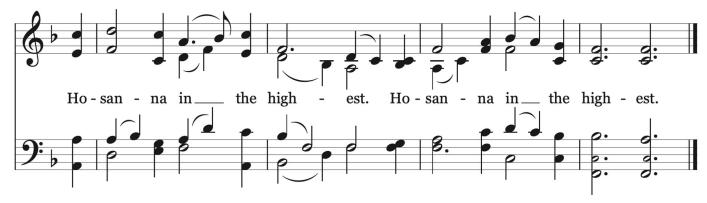


The Presider continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:





Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) © Church Pension Fund

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

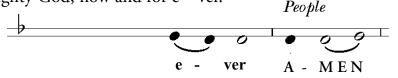
On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Mary and all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for e—ver.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Presider says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

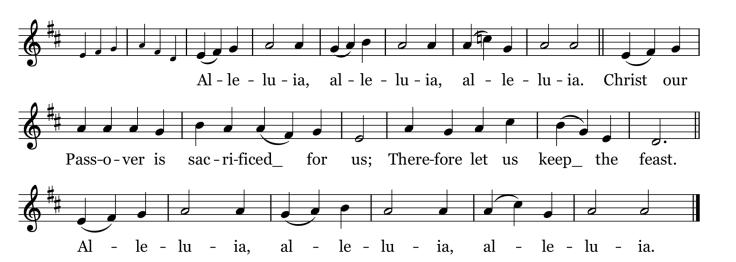
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

THE INVITATION

The Presider says

Come to this table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been for a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All are welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to move forward to stand or kneel at the altar.

To receive only a blessing, place arms in an "x" across your chest as the priest approaches.

To share the bread, extend hands open, palms up, one on top of the other.

To share the cup, take hold of the base and guide it to your mouth.

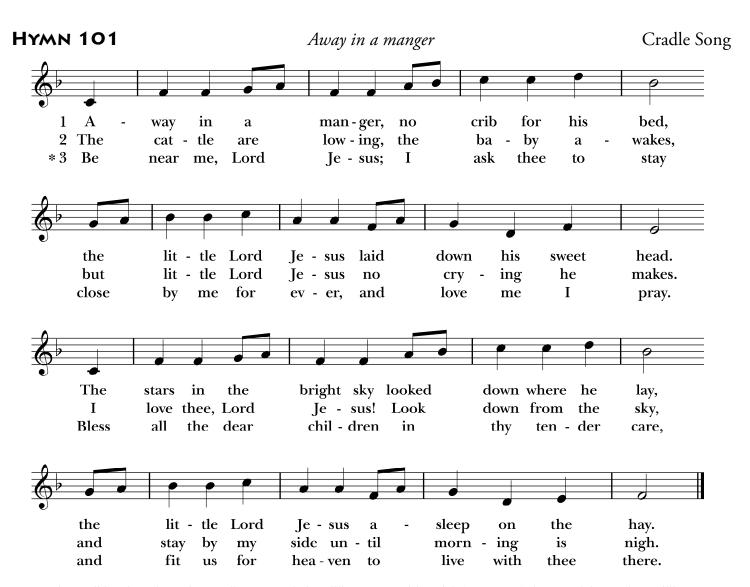
If not desiring to receive the wine, fold arms in an "x" over your chest as the cup passes by.

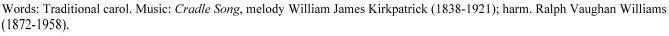
COMMUNION MUSIC

O holy night Adolphe Adam (1803-1856) Palmer Haffner and Kaeli Porter, soloists

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior's birth; Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born, O night divine! O night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His Gospel is Peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, And in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His Holy name. Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices!









Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All Holy God, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to the world with us. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal reign. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING

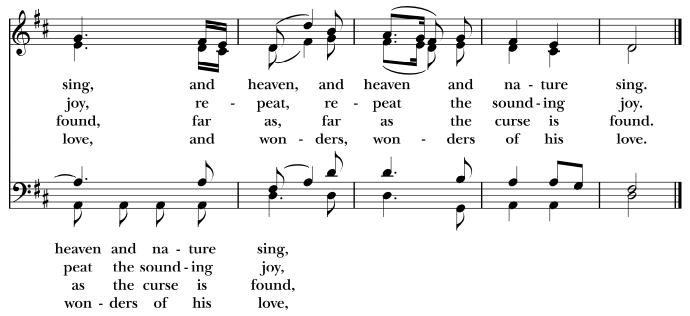
The presider blesses the people

May Christ fill you with joy and peace this night; and may the blessing of the one, holy and living God be among you, now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN 100

Joy to the world (vv. 1-2, 4)





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Priest dismisses the people, saying

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Response Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "In dulci jubilo," BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Assisting in the Service Today

VESTRY

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Presider & Preacher	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Charlie Foss
Organist	Hannah Brewer
Choir	The Saints & Singers
Choir Director	Brian Fairbanks
Crucifer	Sheri O'Brien
First Lector	Marili Reilly
Second Lector	Leslie Kowash
Prayer Leader	Dave Reilly
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Robbins, Thrina Parent
Livestream Tech	Steve Walton
Ushers	Jack Harper, Sue Harper
Bread Baker	Dave Reilly
Altar Guild	All Altar Guild teams
Reception Hosts	Sue Quanbeck, Terrie Ingram

Senior Warden	Thrina Parent
Junior Warden-Facilities	Carl Braginsky
Junior Warden-People	Sheri O'Brien
Parish Clerk	Becky Tooley
Treasurer	Dave Reilly
First Year	Joe de Luna, Elizabeth Rouffy
	Kevin Warren, Ann Wetherell
Second Year	Lindsay Gutiérrez, Ann Hargraves
Patrick	McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer
Third Year	Carl Braginsky, Beth Ilem
	Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent
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